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Dear Harold:

Boy, I hope I don't ever get a letter like the one you sent to Jim Lesar!

We have been very ill with a nasty upper respiratory infection. Betsy's father Dick got it and drove back to Chicago. where he developed pneumonia. Betsy got better but had a relapse, and now has bronchitis. I am recovering, but have no energy.

I have not written you because I have been tired. We did not even go over to my parents for Christmas because we were sick. So forgive me for not writing.

Just read the Judy Exner story. I believe that she may have had an affair with JFK, but of course I don't believe any of that messenger to the Mafia crap. Or his love child. As I recall, she has been dying for about 20 years now.

Be interesting to see what the Seymour Hersh book is about. He is one of those guys who can be a good journalist, but can go off on a tangent.

Do you give any credibility to Exner's story about FBI harassment?

I am so tired I can't even think straight. I don't see how you have done all the writing you have over the years, with your poor health. If I don't feel perfect, I can't hardly get anything done.

I sent Earl Slater the afterword etc of Waketh. Dick read all of it when he was here, so maybe there is commercial potential there.

I don't have much more to say, except that I sealed this envelope with water so as not to send you any of these nasty germs!

Peace:

Bill



Let's all get healthy for

1997!

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